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SUBJECT: PFLE CAPTURES NACFA

1. SUNA REPORTS POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF ERITREA (PFLE) CAPTURED NACFA AT 4:00PM TODAY (LOCAL) AFTER VIOLENT FIGHTING AGAINST ETHIOPIAN FORCES, NACFA, SMALL TOWN IN NORTHERN ERITREA, IS STRATEGIC SUPPLY CENTER MID-WAY BETWEEN KEREN AND KARORA ON SUDANESE BORDER. IT IS 110 MILES NORTH OF ASMARA. ACCORDING SUNA REPORT, PFLE FORCES BEGAN FINAL ATTACK EARLY MORNING AND EPMG FORCES BEGAN SURRENDER BY 10:00AM. LAST ETHIOPIAN DEFENSE POSITION FELL DURING AFTERNOON AND ERITREAN ATTACK ENDED WITH SURRENDER NACFA AT 4:00PM. PFLE CAPTURED LARGE AMOUNTS AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS, AS WELL AS LARGE NUMBER ETHIOPIAN FORCES.

2. COMMENT: NACFA HAD BEEN UNDER SEIGE FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS, THEREFORE ITS FALL TO PFLE CAN BE EXPECTED BE TREATED
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LOCALLY AS MAJOR TRIUMPH FOR ERITREANS, AND WE ASSUME WILL BE LOOKED UPON AS PSYCHOLOGICALLY SERIOUS DEFEAT BY EPMG. PFLE REPRESENTS JOINT EFFORT BY ISAIAS AFEWORK WING PLF AND ELF, AND NORMALLY IT HAS OPPOSED OSMAN SALIH SABBE AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

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